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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6714

BILL NUMBER: SB 182

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 27, 2011

BILL AMENDED:

Subject: State Educational Institutions; Credit Transfers.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Banks

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Pending

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires the Commission for Higher Education, in collaboration with the state educational institutions, to develop, implement, and maintain a common course numbering system for general education curriculum courses, and to establish statewide standards to document an individual's completion of a general education curriculum on the individual's transcript.

The bill requires each state educational institution to identify and publish at least 30 general education semester credit hours that, if satisfactorily completed by an individual, the individual may not be required to repeat at another state educational institution. It also requires a state educational institution to give priority in admissions to an individual who holds an associate degree over an out-of-state applicant.

The bill provides that an individual who holds an associate degree is considered to have met at least 30 semester credit hours of the general education requirements for a bachelor's degree. It requires a state educational institution to accept an associate degree from another state educational institution as credit toward a related bachelor's degree.

Effective Date: July 1, 2012.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *As of the above date, the fiscal analysis of this bill has not been completed. Please contact the Office of Fiscal and Management Analysis for an update of this fiscal impact statement.*

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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